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LETTER DATED 15 JUNE 1995 FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

The members of the Security Council have considered your fourth progress report on the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (UNAVEM III) (S/1995/458). They welcome the positive developments in Angola that you reported, including continued maintenance of the cease-fire, the start of the deployment of United Nations infantry battalions, the decision on the future strength of the Angolan Armed Forces, and improved access to all parts of the country for humanitarian assistance. They strongly support the ongoing dialogue between the two Angolan parties and encourage a further meeting between President dos Santos and Mr. Savimbi.

The members of the Council note with concern that, despite considerable progress in the implementation of the Lusaka Protocol, the peace process is still behind schedule. The members of the Council remain concerned at the problem of mines in the country. Lack of progress in mine clearance has an impact not only on the deployment of UNAVEM III but also on the ability of the population to return to their homes and resume agricultural activity. The members of the Council therefore endorse your call upon the parties to reinforce their recent actions in the fields of mine clearance and road and bridge repair. They agree that the international community should support these vital efforts. They also support your appeal to the parties to work out modalities for the formation of the new integrated armed forces and to begin preparations for the quartering of the Union for the Total Independence of Angola troops and the withdrawal of the rapid reaction police to barracks.

The members of the Council learned with distress that, in two tragic incidents, a United Nations police observer lost his life and a United Nations military observer was wounded. In this connection, they recall the responsibility of the parties for the safety and security of all United Nations personnel in Angola.

The members of the Council will continue to monitor the situation in Angola and look forward to your next report.

(Signed) Detlev GRAF ZU RANTZAU
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